

Selected BLS Economic Indicators



Baltimore-Towson

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment**, price, and pay data for the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and Baltimore-Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level, and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. An **occupational pay relative** is a calculation of pay (wages, salaries, commission, and production bonuses) for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	March 2006	March 2007	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	199.8	205.352	2.8
South	192.8	197.904	2.6
Washington-Baltimore*	126.8	131.945	4.1
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	195.3	200.612	2.7
South	189.9	194.734	2.5
Washington-Baltimore*	126.4	131.234	3.8
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

*November 1996=100.

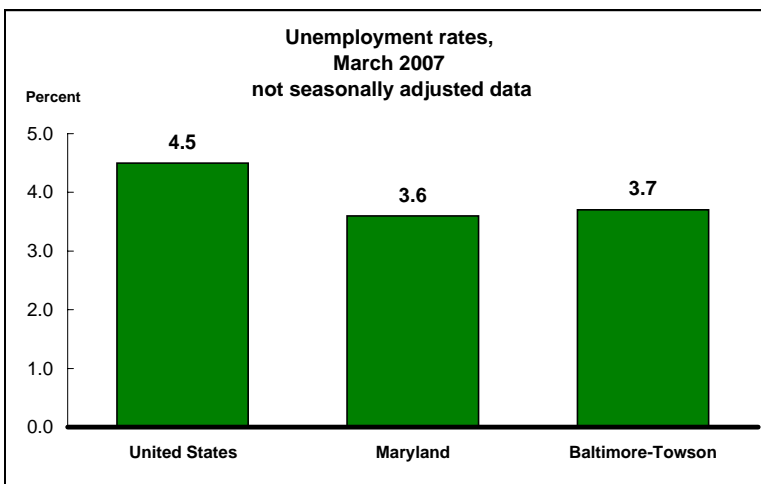
Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,255.0	6,913.0	-342.0	-4.7
Maryland	110.8	108.7	-2.1	-1.9
Baltimore-Towson	54.6	52.3	-2.3	-4.2

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Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	1st Qtr. 2006	1st Qtr. 2007	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
South	101.0	104.3	3.3
South Atlantic	101.2	104.9	3.7
Occupational Pay Relatives (United States = 100)	July 2005		
Washington-Baltimore			
All Occupations	106 *		
Management, business, and financial	101		
Professional and related	109 *		
Service	107 *		
Sales and related	100		
Office and administrative support	112 *		
Construction and extraction	102		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	111 *		
Production	113 *		
Transportation and material moving	99		

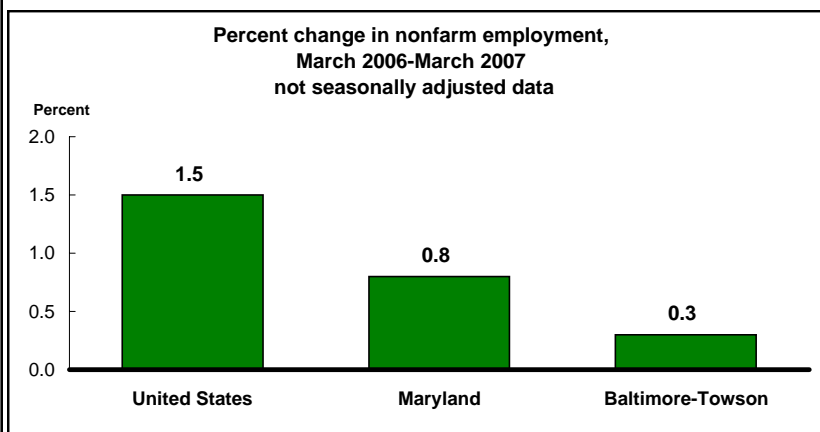
*The pay relative for this area is significantly different from the national average of all areas at the 10 percent level of significance.

Nonfarm payroll employment

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	134,868.0	136,835.0	1,967.0	1.5
Maryland	2,566.9	2,586.7	19.8	0.8
Baltimore-Towson	1,294.0	1,297.7	3.7	0.3

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The Baltimore-Towson, Md. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's Counties and Baltimore City in Maryland.